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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Preliminary to examination in this National Phase Application, please amend the above-identified application as outlined below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, please insert the following new title:

--STABLE BLOOD COAGULATION INHIBITOR-FREE FACTOR VII

PREPARATION AND METHOD FOR PREPARING SAME--.

~~Page 1, before the very first paragraph, please insert the following heading:~~

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.

~~Page 1, before the second paragraph, please insert the following heading:~~

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 3, line 10, delete the word "autokatalytic" and substitute therefor

--autocatalytic--.

Page 4, before the first full paragraph beginning "According to the invention...", please insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

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